SI. No.	Name of accused	Date of Seizure	Violation of section/exact Crime	Details of items seized
7	Shri Ali Mohd. Mir. Delhi	15.3.1999	-Do-	13 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
8	Shri Naresh Narula, Delhi	17.3.1999	49&49(B)<i)	96 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
9	Shri Mukhtar Ahmed Lone, Delhi	31.10.1999	-Do-	10 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
10	Shri Jagdish Mittal and Shri Navelli Tuli	28.11.1999	Do-	1 No. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
11	Shri Hi Hal Ahmed Wani	5.3.2000	-Do-	49 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
12	Mrs. **Ritu** Ansal	23.3.2000	49	7 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
13	Shri Manzoor Ahmed	27.3.2000	-Do-	7 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
14	Shri Nirmal Singh	15.7.1994	49&49(B)(i)	16 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.
15	Shri Rajesh Kumar	25.11.1999	49 & 49 (B) (i)	6 Nos. of Shahtoosh Shawls.

Preservation of Shahtoosh Products

1297. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4292, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May. 2000 and state:

(a) which States have the authority to give a last chance to Shahtoosh owners all over the country to declare their possessions for a fee, within a particular time;

(b) whether Government are aware that different products out of Shahtoosh

were freely available during the last 100 years or so even before Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 was enacted; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government intend to preserve these Shahtoosh products which are the national asset and equivalent to antiques lying in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) According to Section 40 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, which extends to **all** States/UTs, except the Stale of J&K. the State Governments may, by **notification** require any person to declare any Shahtoosh product in his control, custody or possession in such form, in such manner, and within such time as may be prescribed. Similar provision exists in Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1978 also. However, Tibetan Antelope from which Shahtoosh is derived is not included in Schedule I of Jammu & Kashmir Wildlife (Protection) Act. Therefore, such a declaration is not necessary in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Ministry is aware that Shahtoosh trade was in existence even before the enactment of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(c) People are allowed to keep the Shahtoosh shawls in their possession or custody after fulfilling the prescribed legalities under the Act.

Funds for development of forests

1298. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for development of forests in the country during each of the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether the funds allotted for the purpose by the Central Government have been utilised by State Governments during this period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS 'SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Funds provided to State Governments for plantation and protection against fire under the centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, *viz* (i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco- Development Projects Scheme, (ii) Area Oriented Fuel wood and Fooder Projects Scheme, (iii) Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce (including medicinal plants) Scheme, (iv) Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in the Regeneration of